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Personally appeared before me, Melissa D. Gause, who after being duly sworn,

Deposes and states as follows: I am the above-referenced Applicant's Director for

Regulatory matters, I caused to be mailed on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009, via First

Class Mail, to all affected customers of the Applicant at the customer addresses maintained in the company's billing records, one copy of the attached Customer Notice in the above-captioned matter.

Melissa D. Gause

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

### NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

#### **DOCKET NO. 2009-457-WS**

## APPLICATION OF LAKEWOOD UTILITIES, LLC FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SERVICE AREA, RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES

Lakewood Utilities, LLC (Lakewood or the Utility) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for the establishment of a service area, rates and charges. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240. According to the Application, Lakewood will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems at Lakewood Camping Resort, Inc. in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. There are approximately 1800 campsites at Lakewood Camping Resort, Inc. The Application reveals that the Campground will provide water and sewer services for the "transient" campsites, irrigation of campground, laundry facilities, trading post, and swimming pool facilities, etc. Lakewood intends to meter the water usage of as many of these activities as practicable. Further, Lakewood Camping Resort, Inc. will become a customer of Lakewood Utilities, LLC.

The Company seeks approval to implement its rates and charges in phases. In Phase One, a flat rate will be charged for all water and sewer consumption. In Phase Two, a base rate plus volume rate will be charged for all water and sewer consumption. Additionally, in Phase Two, Lakewood Camping Resort, Inc. and Lakewood Utilities, LLC agree that Lakewood Camping Resort, Inc. will be responsible for all unmetered water and sewer consumption, except as provided in 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-533 and 103-733.

# THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW (The complete rate schedule is available from the Company at the address below and on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>.)

1. Lakewood proposes to implement rates and charges for water and sewer service in two phases. Phase One would be a flat rate for all water and sewer consumption. Phase One would also be implemented 30 days after the issuance of a Commission order. Phase Two would be a base rate plus volume rate for all water and sewer consumption. Phase Two would be implemented one year after the issuance of a Commission order.

2. Phase One Rates: Flat Rate Water Sewer Annual Leases \$11.75 \$6.75

Transient Sites: \$2.00 per site, per day of occupancy

3. Phase Two Rates: Base Rate plus Volume Rate Water Sewer

Base Rate	\$10.00	\$5.50
Volume Rate per 1000 gallons	\$1.75	\$1.25

- 4. The Utility requests a reconnection fee of \$35.00 which shall be due prior to reconnecting water service which has been disconnected for any reason as provided in 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-732.5.
- 5. Any customer may request that service to their site be temporarily disconnected, provided however, that the customer will be charged the base rate in addition to the reconnection fee if service is reconnected within one year.
- 6. Recurring charges will be billed monthly in arrears.
- 7. Any unpaid balance within 25 days of the billing date shall be past due. Past due accounts shall be assessed a late payment charge of one and one-half percent per month, or any part of a month, that the payment is past due.
- 8. A notification fee of \$5.00 shall be charged to each customer to whom the Utility must mail notice to as required by the Commission.
- 9. Water Tap-in Fees will only apply in Phase Two. Tap-in fees will be \$450.00 to cover the cost of labor and materials.
- 10. Sewer Tap-in Fees will only apply in Phase Two. Tap-in fees will be \$350.00 to cover the cost of labor and materials.
- 11. Backflow prevention installation fees will be \$300.00 to cover cost of labor and materials.
- 12. Lakewood will give the Commission thirty-days' notice of its intent to pass-through to customers treatment charges which are higher than those in effect at the time of the Commission's approval of the Utility approved rate schedule. The Utility shall provide with such notice written documentation of an increase by the provider of treatment services justifying the increase in the amount of treatment charges sought to be passed-through to affected customers. In the event that an increase in the amount of treatment charges to be passed-through to customers is found by the Commission to be so justified, Lakewood will then be required to give customers advance notice before the increase in the treatment charges to be passed-through may be put into effect.

A copy of the Company's Application can be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, P. O. Drawer 11649, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Additionally, Lakewood's Application is available on the Commission's website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, South Carolina on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 10:30 a.m.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, on or before January 18, 2010, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. Please refer to Docket No. 2009-457-W/S.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Melissa D. Gause, Corporate Manager, 5901 South Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29575 on or before January 18, 2010, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2009-457-W/S*.

Any person who wishes to request a hearing in his or her county of residence should notify on or before January 25, 2010, in writing, the Docketing Department at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, and Melissa D. Gause, Corporate Manager, 5901 South Kings Highway, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29575. Please refer to Docket No. 2009-457-W/S.

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department in writing at the address below on or before January 18, 2010. Please refer to Docket No. 2009-457-W/S.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding MUST present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing Department
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

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